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ENQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF AN ELEPHANT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have ordered an enquiry into the death of an elephant in the Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh after it was captured;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received the findings of the enquiry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to avoid such incidents in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The findings of the report received indicate:

1. The elephant died because of septicemia that developed as a result of inadequate skilled medical attention after its capture.

2. The services of an experienced veterinarian having adequate exposure on treatment of elephants were not available.

3. There was no deliberate attempt to inflict cruelty on the animal by the trainer.

4. The Report recommended several measures to be taken up for effectively dealing with the problematic elephants.

(d) The recommendations of the Report have been issued to all the elephant range states.